Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) A copy of the Rules is laid on the Secretary's table.

(*b*) No co-operative Societies.

(*c*) 1922.

(*d*) 240 miles and 3100 feet of Ryots' roads have been taken under maintenance. Information regarding the lengths taken before and after the Rules were framed is not available.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : With reference to-answer (*d*), I may say that my question was whether any society was registered under the rules, not Co-operative Societies alone.

Mr. C. Kumara Das : No society is registered.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Is it because of the difficulty of the conditions in the Ryots' Road Rules?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : Whether it is because of the difficulties or whether it is because there is no society which is willing to register, we do not know.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : Is the honourable member aware that there is no provision under which such society could be registered under the Registration Department or under the Joint Stock Companies Rules?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : There is a provision in the Rules allowing registration on payment of a certain registration fee under the Companies Regulations—Section 26.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : But the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies refuses to register it under the Rules on the ground that the fees are not sufficient according to those Rules. Is it not because of that, that the Companies are not registered?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : That has not been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. K. S. Joseph : I had brought it to the notice once but then I had no rules with me.

Mr. C. Kumara Das : It will be considered.

Chief Engineer.

159. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have given permission at any time to the present Chief Engineer to stay outside the State and at the same time carry on the duties of his office here ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number of days he was outside the State ; and

(*c*) the total number of days he has taken leave after taking charge as Chief Engineer?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 13 and 12 days each on two occasions.

(*c*) 7 days casual leave in 1120 M. E. and
8 days casual leave in 1121 M. E.

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Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know from the member whether there were any special reasons for allowing the leave?

President: On the occasion his mother fell ill and on the second occasion when his father fell ill. His mother has died. It is not an iniquitous thing for Government to give leave for a gentleman to see his mother when she is on her death bed. After his mother, his father fell ill who was about 90 years of age. Therefore it is not for pleasure that he went on leave.

Deputy Chief Engineer.

160. *Mr. **Paul A. Thaliath**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Chief Engineer has any power to inspect and supervise the works in each Division; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the negative the general nature of the work he has been entrusted with?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: (*a*) Yes, when so required by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: May I know whether at any time the Deputy Chief Engineer has inspected any work outside the town?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Yes.

President: Quite a large numbr. I may add that I have requested the Deputy Chief Engineer to retire before the end of his term—within a month from now.

Labour Strikes.

161. *Mr. **A. N. Satyanesan** *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of labour strikes that have occurred since the new Labour Commissioner assumed office; and

(*b*) the number out of them that have been settled by conciliation?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: *(a)* 14.

(b) 13.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: പുതിയ ലേബർകമ്മീഷണർ ചാർജ് എടുത്തതിനശേഷം എത്ര ഫാക്ടറികളം പണിമുടക്കുമൂലം പൂട്ടിയിടേണ്ടതായിവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്? എത്രദിവസം അങ്ങിനെ പൂട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: I have not got the information.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഒരേ ഫാക്ടറിയിൽ പണിമുടക്കിയ സ്ഥലകാലം രാജിപ്പെട്ടതിനശേഷം വീണ്ടും പണിമുടക്കുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: There have been instances.

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